

To-day's
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
WAR FUND BENEFIT
to per cent. of the Receipts of Saturday
Night's Performance will go to the
Missus and Kids Fund.
POSITIVELY LAST PERFORMANCE
AT HONGKONG.
TO-MORROW EVENING (SATURDAY),
9th December.
MADAME

KONORAH
THE MODERN WITCH
AND MISTRESS OF MYSTERIES
AND COMPANY OF FIRST CLASS
ARTISTS.

AGAIN A CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.
STRANGER, STRONGER, THAN EVER.
Doors open 8.30 P.M. Commence 9 P.M.
PRICES.—Dress Circle and Stalls \$1, Pit \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform \$0.50.
Booking Office.—ROBINSON PIANO CO.
CANTON CLUB THEATRE.

ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY.
TUESDAY, the 12th December.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1487]

NOTICE.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Section
XXIII. of Ordinance No. 3 of 1871 of the
Legislature of this Colony and Pursuant to an
Order made on the 8th day of November, 1899,
by His Honour WILLIAM MEIGH GOODMAN,
Acting Chief Justice, I hereby give Notice
that it is my intention to apply for Examination
and Admission as SOLICITOR, ATTORNEY
and PROCTOR of the Supreme Court of
Hongkong, under the Provisions of the said
Ordinance, at the Expiration of one week from
the Date hereof, or so soon thereafter as may
be.

H. K. HOLMES.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1517]

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THERE will be a SPOON COMPETITION
TO-MORROW, (SATURDAY), the 9th
Instant, at 2.45 P.M.
Rings.—No. 500 and 600 yards.
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Hon. Sec.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [35]

CONCERT.

SATURDAY, the 16th December, 1899,
at 9.20 P.M.

IN AID OF
"THE KOWLOON INSTITUTE"
and
"THE STAR COFFEE HOUSE."

THE following Ladies and Gentlemen have
kindly consented to assist at the above
Concert.
Messdames Badeley, Buttnshaw, Campbell,
Sculford, and Vallings, and
Dr. Kiehoff and Messrs. Ardron, Barrett,
De Calb, Fleet, Grace, C. Schröter, H. A.
Siebs, and Maestro Galuzzi.

Tickets may be obtained from the Compro-
dore at the City Hall, on MONDAY, the 11th
December, and the following days between
10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Front Seats (Reserved) Two Dollars.
Back Seats One Dollar.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1514]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"
Captain Passmore, will be despatched for the
above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 10th instant,
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1519]

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship

"ASAMA,"
will be despatched for the above Port, about
the 27th instant.

To be followed by
The Steamship
"QUEEN ELEANOR,"
about the 15th January, 1900.

The Steamship
"MORVEN,"
about the 15th February, 1900.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1516]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO AND
YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"PREUSSEN,"
of the NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
Captain R. Heinze, due here with the outward
German Mail about the 13th instant, will arrive
for the above ports about a hour after arrival.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to—
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1514]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "AFRIDI"
FROM NEW YORK, STRAITS AND
MANILA.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and from the wharves
deliveries may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 15th instant, will be
subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th
instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 15th instant, at 9 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1504]

To-day's
Advertisements.

DELIGENTIA LODGE OF
INSTRUCTION.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, on THURSDAY, the 14th
instant, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting
Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1515]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF
HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS'
HALL, Zealand Street, on SATURDAY,
the 16th instant, at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely.
Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [1515]

Intimation.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
LIMITED.

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

BRANDIES.

A.—Hennessy's Old Pale, Red
Capsule - - - - - \$18

B.—Superior Very Old Cognac
Red Capsule - - - - - \$21

C.—Very Old Liqueur Cognac
V.O.—D.—Hennessy's Finest
Very Old Liqueur Cog-
nac, 1872 Vintage, Red
Capsule - - - - - \$38

V.V.O.—E.—Finest Very Old
Liqueur Cognac, 1882
Vintage - - - - - \$48

All our Brandies are guaranteed to
be PURE COGNAC, the differences in
price being merely a question of age
and vintage.

Sample bottles and smaller quanti-
ties will be supplied at proportionate
wholesale rates.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1899.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE WAR.
Re-inforcements.
LONDON, December 6th.

It is reported that the seventh division is
mobilizing.

Bochnanaland.
The Daily Telegraph Correspondent at
Modder River 30th November states that
Lancers came into contact with the Boers
on the 30th November. The enemy was
occupying a strong ridge six miles to the
North.

Mafeking.
The Daily Mail Correspondent at Mafeking
states that all was well in that town on
the 28th November.

The Borneo Dinner.
The Annual Borneo dinner was a success.
Mr. Cowie said that he hoped Mat Salleh
would give no trouble. Governor Clifford
said he hoped that the Government would
be able to come to a peaceful settlement
with the chief. If they were unable to, they
would have to make war. He further said
that the railway contract was practically
completed and advocated laying down more
lines.

The War.
General Joubert is indisposed and has
gone to Volksrust. During his absence
General Schalkburgher assumes supreme
command.

The Boers have entered Dordrecht.
In the engagement at Kimberley on the
28th November Major Turner of the Black-
watches was killed and Lieut. Clifford of the
Lancashires wounded, also 30 men killed
and 28 wounded.

General Clary reached Pieter on Saturday.
It is believed that in spite of harassing
messages Ladysmith is urgently in need of
relief.

The Boers are very active along the
Stromberg-Rosmead line dividing Generals

To-day's
Advertisements.

Volunteer Gazette Service.
LONDON, December 6th.

The Echo's Correspondent at Ladysmith
states that there was a hot bombardment
on the 1st instant with new big guns at 5,000
yards range. On the 2nd instant shells
loaded with Melinite were bursting in all
directions very effectively, tents were rent and
some of our howitzers smashed. Thirty-two
Boer guns are within range and are systemati-
cally shelling the town.

Reuter's Correspondent at Ladysmith, 26th
November, states that the Boer main body is
in the vicinity of Colenso. The Boers are
continually moving and several bodies have
gone towards the Drakensburg mountains.

An official despatch from General Buller,
dated Maritzburg 6th instant, says that it is
very difficult to state the enemy's losses for
instance, at Belmont 81 dead Boers are
accounted for and the enemy only admit
having lost 15. There is every reason to
believe that the enemy's loss at Ladysmith
on the 6th November was over 800 in killed
and wounded. It is evident that the enemy
do not admit one-tenth of their losses.

WEATHER REPORT.
The Observatory report says:—
On the 8th at 11.50 a.m. the barometer has
risen on the China coast, fallen in E. Japan. A
high pressure area is central over China, and
the depression has reached E. Japan. Gradi-
ents moderate with strong monsoon on the
coast and in the N. part of the China Sea.
FORECAST:—Fresh N.E. winds; fine.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE would draw the attention of our readers to
the advertisement appearing in another column
announcing a concert to be given in aid of the
Kowloon Institute and Star Coffee House.

THE South Australian Government has insured
the lives of the members of the contingent.
The insurance has been effected through the
Adelaide branch of the Citizens' Life Assurance
Co.

LAST evening a dinner was given by the
members of the German Club to His Royal
Highness Prince Henry of Prussia. The Band
of the Deutschland was in attendance and a
very jolly evening resulted. The hosts of the
Queen and the Emperor, amongst others, were
proposed and drunk enthusiastically.

THE Band of the Hongkong Regiment will
play at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow
(Saturday) evening, from 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.—
PROGRAMME.

1. March "My Bicycle" (Bratton).
2. Selection "The Girl" (Bratton).
3. Selection "The Girl" (Bratton).
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6. Selection "The Girl" (Bratton).
7. Selection "The Girl" (Bratton).
8. Selection "The Girl" (Bratton).
9. Selection "The Girl" (Bratton).
10. Selection "The Girl" (Bratton).

SOME of the places now famous in Natal cause
a good deal of difficulty in the matter of pronun-
ciation to the cockney critic of the operations.
But he grapples boldly with them, nevertheless,
and sometimes with the happiest results.

Thus, according to the Globe, while two Tom-
mies were walking past the War Office recently,
one was heard to say to the other, "Say,
Bill, what were the names of that second battle?"
"Ell and Slaughter," replied the other
promptly.

AN inquest was held this afternoon at the
Magistrate's, before Mr. Compertz and a special
jury composed of Messrs. George Hunter,
Douglas Graham, and C. Plate into the circum-
stances attending the death of a Chinaman
killed in the affray at Lo-tau-pok, near Lyman,
by the soldier when acting as special constable.

The facts of the case were reported in our
Wednesday's issue. To-day the evidence of Dr.
Bell, showed that death was caused by a wound
in the thigh and a Chinese opium-excise-officer
gave a detailed account of the search for opium,
arrest of one prisoner, and the fray between the
villagers and the police party. The enquiry
was then adjourned.

This morning at the Magistrate's, Frank Panger
and Hollendorf, two German sailors from the
German Cruiser Hansa, were charged with
assaulting a British seaman named James Scott,
of H.M.S. Drisk, and for resisting a police
constable in the execution of his duty. It ap-
pears that last night P. C. Wall saw Scott
lying on the Government Wharf insensible. The
first prisoner was kicking him so the P. C. took
him into custody, whereupon 50 German sailors
who were standing around attempted to rescue
the prisoner. The P. C. blew his whistle and
as he was very hard pressed fired his revolver in
the air. Commander Boothby of the Endymion,
who saw the disturbance considered it was his
duty to interfere and with Lieutenant Hyde of
the Orlando went to the policeman's assistance
and two prisoners were made. A place from
the cruiser, with a petty officer on board came
up to the wharf and took the two Germans away,
leaving the two prisoners with the police.

The first defendant said that Scott had made
indecent proposals to him and so he had
knocked him down. Scott in his evidence denied
this.

Second defendant said he had only gone to
the assistance of his comrade.

Both prisoners were fined \$25 or one month's
imprisonment for the assault on the constable.
Not being able to pay the money they were
imprisoned.

SANITARY BOARD.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was
held yesterday. There were present:—
The President (Dr. Atkinson, Principal
Civil Medical Officer) who occupied the
chair, the Vice-President (Hon. F. H. May,
Captain Superintendent of Police), the
Hon. R. D. Ombay (Director of Public
Works), Dr. Clark (Medical Officer of Health),
Mr. Osborne and Mr. Duggan (Secretary).

A SANITATION TRUST.
The Vice-President—beg to move the resolu-
tion which stands in my name and which
reads as follows:—That a Sub-Committee of
the Board be appointed consisting of the
Medical Officer of Health, Mr. Edward
Osborne, and one other member to be nomi-
nated by the President, to consider and submit re-
commendations for the formation by Govern-
ment of a Trust to be endowed with a per-
centage of the assessed taxes and of the premia on
land sales, and with suitable waste lands, or
otherwise, and to be charged with the duty, and
invested with the power, of carrying out sanitary
improvements in the city of Victoria, especially
in the matter of the abolition of insanitary
areas and overcrowding. The article in the
Engineer which accompanied this resolution
was brought to my notice about 15 months ago
by Mr. R. Leigh, architect of this colony, and
although I thought the article afforded
food for very serious reflection by this Board I
did not bring it before the Board because I
was afraid that perhaps it might act as a trail
drawn across the track of the progress of the
Insanitary Properties Bill. Now that this Bill,
thanks to His Excellency the Governor, who
has taken such an interest in the sanitary
improvement of the town, has passed into
law, I think that the time has come when
we should endeavour to place before the
Government some recommendations for the
further sanitary improvement of this city.

The Insanitary Properties Bill will effect a
great deal, but it requires no sanitation to see
that it cannot and will not effect that radical
change for the better, which is absolutely
essential in a great many quarters of the city,
before this most important port and centre of
trade, can rid itself of the dread scourge, plague,
and from the danger of becoming periodically
infected with other epidemic diseases. Hong-
kong is in its infancy. It has a very large
future before it, and it behoves us men of the
present day to see that we possibly may make
a healthy one. Otherwise its develop-
ment cannot be so large nor its future so
brilliant as it ought to be. The subject which
is dealt with in the paper which was attached
to this resolution is of course a most difficult
one, and my resolution simply aims at obtain-
ing consideration from men who have knowl-
edge of sanitary matters and large business
capacity, to see if some feasible scheme could
not be laid before the Government. The Trust
which is suggested in this resolution would be
formed, I should imagine, not necessarily by
members of the Sanitary Board only, but would
be or ought to be a public body composed of
the leading men of the city—inter-mixed with
officials—who have the necessary technical
knowledge and capacity, and ought to be such
a body as would command the fullest confidence
not only of the Government but of the public.
The advantage that such a body would have, over
a purely governmental body, would be, that its
funds would, I think, be augmented by sub-
scriptions and donations, perhaps legacies from
wealthy men who have the interests of this
colony at heart. The Government is always
regarded by the public as a sort of privileged
body with a bottomless purse the strings of
which it holds very tightly and which is filled
with money which it is always loth, or some-
what loth, to use for the public benefit. I do
not know why this idea has taken hold of the
public mind, but such seems to me to be
always the case. A public body such as I
should like to see instituted would certainly be
free from the disadvantages under which Gov-
ernment sometimes labours. I think it cer-
tainly would be a more popular institution.

Mr. Osborne said that I consider
the Vice-President's scheme to be the only
practical method of satisfactorily dealing with
the many difficult problems connected with
insanitary properties of this colony, it would
give me great pleasure if this proposal were
carried, to give my services on the Committee,
but at the same time I cannot refrain from say-
ing that in view of the procrastination, apathy,
and indifference which characterised the pro-
gress of the Insanitary Properties Ordinance,
from its inception in 1895 to its becoming law
four years afterwards, I do not think the ex-
tended range of reform covered by the proposal
before us will meet with very much sympathy
or encouragement from the ruling powers.
However, it is the duty of the Sanitary Board
to press forward such measures of reform as
will bring light, fresh air, and health into the
homes of the many thousands of our fellow
creatures around us who are now fighting for
life in loathsome places, where darkness, dirt,
foul air, and disease, preclude all possibility of
a healthy existence, and I think that if we
steadily persevere in our struggle against these
evils, we may hope in course of time, it may be
years, to effect some real improvement, even
though we fail to attain the full measure of
success, which the Vice-President's scheme
would lead to. I have much pleasure in
seconding the resolution.

The President in putting this motion be-
fore the Board I would mention that the Gov-
ernment have been requested to furnish the
Board with the Act which contains full provi-
sions for regulating this matter of Trusts.
There is one other member of the Committee
to be nominated by the President, and I think
we cannot do better than nominate the Vice-
President, who proposed this motion.

The motion was carried.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS.
The letters referred to in our report of yester-
day, having been read Mr. Osborne said:—
Amongst the papers which have been circulated
on this subject there are some very interesting
remarks made by Dr. Manson in the Nautilus
address to the London School of Tropical
Medicine on the subject of the relationship
between rats and plague. Coming as they do
from such an eminent authority as
Dr. Manson, and considering that the theory
which he propounds, viz, that rats convey
infection, is also held by local medical authori-
ties, I think the Sanitary Board should take
steps as far as we can to rid the colony of
this dangerous vermin—not in a spasmodic
half-hearted spirit, but in a thoroughly sys-
tematic manner, so that, even though we may
not, as Dr. Manson puts it, "contemplate the
approach of plague with equanimity," we shall
at least have the satisfaction of knowing that
we have not ignored the warning given us.
Dr. Manson lays great stress upon the impor-
tance of killing the rats before the epidemic is
upon us. He says, "I would emphatically
point out that to be effective these measures
must be employed as a precaution. To prevent
epidemic plague you must kill the rats before
they are attacked." This therefore is the
time to act, not six months hence, when the
mischief has recommenced, and my proposal is
that we should at once organise a rat hunt,
distribute traps broadcast through the city free
of charge, and offer a reward for every rat dead
or alive. I believe this to be the best plan, be-
cause it is hopeless to expect that we can get
the rats by any other means than through the
occupiers of houses, and the only way in my
opinion by which this can be effected is to

make it worth the occupiers' while to catch
them. I know that difficulties will arise, and
that we shall be told rats will be
bred or imported from Canton for the sake
of the reward, but these difficulties must
be met as they arise, and I have no doubt that
with the assistance of the Captain Superin-
tendent of Police they will be met with like
difficulties do when brought face to face with
intelligent determination. We can do nothing
by ourselves, we have no funds at our disposal
therefore the only thing we can do is to ask the
Government to adopt our recommendations
which are embodied in the proposal. That
Government be asked to authorise the Sanitary
Board to purchase and distribute traps free
of charge to all applicants and to offer a reward
of two cents (with power to increase the price if
necessary) for every rat dead or alive, delivered
to the Sanitary Board until further notice.

The Vice-President seconded.

The President—I may state that 600 traps have
already been ordered, and it is proposed to give
50 traps to each inspector, and the inspectors
will make a return to the Board, every week,
of the number of rats caught.

The motion was carried.

Dr. Clark said there were two different
schemes suggested, one that they should employ
coolies to catch the rats and another that they
should give traps to the tenants. The former
scheme had been tried during the present year
and they had caught about a thousand rats. If
the latter was to be of any use they would have
to distribute traps in every house. The former
scheme had already been sanctioned by the
Governor, but if Mr. Osborne's scheme were
adopted supervision of the traps would be un-
necessary, of the two, he approved of Mr. Os-
borne's scheme of distributing traps, and offer-
ing a reward as likely to be most effective.

The Vice-President—I think that instead of
being our own rat-catchers we might, by Mr.
Osborne's scheme, and see that they actually
do a good deal of trouble was taken last year, but
the rats proved very hard to get after a time.

Dr. Clark—That was because the coolies
found that they got paid the same no matter
how few rats they brought in.

Mr. Osborne's motion was then put and
carried.

CRÉATION OF HINDOOS.
The minutes were read and the matter postponed
sine die.

RINDERPEST AT POKFULM.
The letters referred to in our report of yester-
day were read and the Secretary reported
the receipt of a further letter from Mr. Ladds
informing the Board that rinderpest had broken
out in Shed 6, Sassoon's Villa, also belonging to
the Pokfulm Dairy Co., and recommending
that the shed be declared infected and a watch
man appointed.

The Board decided that this should be done.

HOUSING OF DOGS IN QUARANTINE.
The Vice-President moved that Government
be asked to sanction the building of suitable
kennels for quarantined dogs at Hunghom
cattle depot, sufficient to accommodate a
dozen dogs and capable of considerable ex-
tension if necessary.

Mr. Osborne—Seconded.

STALLS IN THE CENTRAL MARKET.
This matter already referred to in our issue
of yesterday was considered and the recom-
mendation of Mr. Ladds to fit up stalls Nos. 179
to 189 as vegetable stalls adopted.

EXEMPTIONS FROM LIME WASHING.
The Exemption for No. 25, Gage Street was
refused.

The Exemption applied for for 46, Peel Street
was granted.

DESTRUCTION OF INFECTED CATTLE.
The action of the chief Vet. Surgeon in order-
ing the destruction of six head of cattle at the
Hunghom Cattle Depot was on the motion of
the Vice President seconded by Dr. Clark; en-
dorsed by Board.

The other business has already been report-
ed.

THE KONORAH COMPANY.

The Konorah Company gave their third per-
formance last night at the City Hall, before an
appreciative audience. As previously announced,
the programme differed from either of those of
the two preceding performances and fully came
up to the promises set forth in the handbills
and circulars so lavishly distributed throughout
the town. Max Berol again proved himself to
be an exceedingly merry wag, and from his
egg producing capacity should prove a most
desirable acquisition to any model farmyard.

He produced eggs in a most simple but aston-
ishing manner from a very highly coloured
check handkerchief, but, and here his unfitness
for the position of laying hen becomes appar-
ent, he calmly rubbed his eggs into space in
full view of the audience. The manner in which
he produced piles and piles of blossoms from a
home-made Flora's cornucopia formed of a sheet
of ordinary cartridge paper, was surprising and
almost led one to believe that his flowery words
were materializing as they they fell.

Then came Madame Konorah, a dainty little
lady in a fetching costume, who, having
been blindfolded and seated on the stage with
her back to the audience, described most
minutely any article held up. This exhibition of
second sight, as the company term it, is fully
worth seeing and would alone fully repay one
for the price of a seat. The rapidity with which
each article was described, and the number of
them, effectually dispelled any idea of illusion
between Max Berol and the fair witch upon
the stage. The lightning calculations fully
bore out their name. A series of figures was
shouted out by the audience, and Madame
Konorah multiplied, added and subtracted in a
most astonishingly rapid manner, giving the cor-
rect answer to each problem almost before the
audience could grasp the meaning of the figures
displayed upon the black-boards. These were
read out by Konorah, who was still blindfolded
and sitting well behind the blackboards and
she gave her answers immediately, while
strange to say, in all instances she began at
the wrong end, giving the figures from left to
right instead of from right to left. That is to
say she gave her answer straight out.

A GENEROUS OFFER.
After Wm. Berol delivered his comic
songs, Max Berol came forward and announced,
in a neat little speech, that on Saturday night
ten per cent. of the entire proceeds would be
given to the "Missus and Kids Fund." This
offer should be all the more appreciated by the
Hongkong Public from the fact that the Berols
are not Britishers, but Germans by birth, and
Americans by adoption and this offer serves to
show that they are British by sympathy. It must
also be remembered that the size of this con-
tribution depends upon the size of the house,
so in Kipling's words we say—
When you've shouted "Rule Britannia!"
when you've sung "God Save the
Queen!"
When you've finished killing Kruger with
your mouth—
Will you kindly drop a shilling in my little
tambourine.

For a gentleman in khaki ordered South?
So—

And let the whole Hongkong Public roll up
and give a bumper house to help the home-
land's left behind him.

The show is a really good one and is fully
worth the price of a ticket, particularly when
the additional attraction of aiding a good cause
is thrown in.

SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

SAILORS AND SOLDIERS' FAMILIES FUND.
The undersigned begs to acknowledge with
thanks receipt of the following subscriptions to
the above Fund.

The "Missus and Kids" Fund	1894.50
Mail	
Jardine, Matheson & Co.	1,000
Butterfield & Swire	1,000
Reiss & Co.	1,000
E. D. Sassoon & Co.	1,000
Shewan, Tomes & Co.	1,000
Holliday Wise & Co.	1,000

T. W. Pickard, s.s. <i>Kluhlang</i>	1
Wm. Johnston	1
McNaughton	1
Wm. Wilson, s.s. <i>Canton</i>	1
A. J. C., s.s. <i>Diamond</i>	2
A. H. Macdonald	2
A. L. M.	2
A. F. Greig	2
R. W. A.	2
Wm. M.	2
J. P. W.	2
K. B. Knight, s.s. <i>Kong Beng</i>	3
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W. L. Anderson	3
C. A. Hillie, s.s. <i>Chelydra</i>	3
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A. Sugden	25
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E. D. C. Wolfe	25
John Naismith	25
W. Gater	25
G. E. Beeton	25
G. D. Pittipios	25
H. L. Higgs	25
J. S. Duff	25
A. Vivian Hogg	25
C. T. Robinson	25
H. W. Hine	25
W. Peacock	25
D. Beatty	25
G. L. Simpson	25
H. Staples Smith	25
F. M. Baddley	25
R. Walter	25
R. L. Warren	25
R. Soanes	25
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E. Drichen	25
F. R. da Cruz	25
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S. E. Kavarana	25
H. K. Dhabhar	25
G. W. Sharnhorst	25
J. Thomas	25
L. Smith	25
H. Surplice	25
G. H. King	25
T. H. Smith	25
F. R. H. Croft	25
E. Heilman	25
H. F. Brackston	25
M. Thomas	25
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CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by correspondents in this column.)

THE PEAK TRAMWAY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR,—I was very glad indeed to read your article on the Tramway Company which, however, was an expression of the strong terms as the residents at the Peak themselves employ, especially those residents who have to make use of the Plantation Road Station. The word station is a misnomer—there is no station, it is only a bare, open, exposed and dangerous outside car, passengers are always in danger of tripping over the rope of the inside car and to ladies the greasy rope is ruinously destructive to their dresses; surely it would be perfectly possible to keep a permanent employee at that station to make a travelling platform across from one line to the other according to which car is due so that passengers by the outside car would not require to run any risks of broken ankles or spoiled dresses.

Even at the top station there is no protection from the rain and no waiting room.

At Bowen Road there is an apology for a shelter, but the car never stops there—the shelter has been put in the wrong place!

With the increased profits which the company is now earning, surely the public have a right to demand better accommodation and a more comfortable mode of transport.

The Government, who gave the concession, should insist that the reasonable requirements of the public convenience ought to be properly attended to.

Yours faithfully,

PLANTATION ROAD, Y.D.

Hongkong, December 8th, 1899.

A SUGGESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR,—I am writing to you on all matters pertaining to sport, I hope I may be allowed to make a suggestion which I believe will tend greatly to revive the languishing interest that is now taken in our national game. We see the interest that is taken now in football and without comparing the many advantages which both games possess it might be as well to consider why it is that football attracts so much interest while cricket is comparatively left out in the cold. I believe it is mainly because there is no shield competition amongst cricketers. The game might not be quite so interesting to spectators as football, but I am convinced that it is equally, if not more, interesting to the participants and I am sure we have enough cricket clubs in the Colony to form a shield competition between the different elevens.

The Hongkong Club have recently shown a most praiseworthy public spirit in all sports and I think it only to be proposed to them for their initiative in this matter.

Thanking you in advance, Sir, for your kindness in inserting mine,

I am, etc.,

A LOVER OF THE GAME.

Hongkong, December 8th, 1899.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB REGATTA.

FIRST DAY—TUESDAY, 19TH DECEMBER, 1899.
1st Race—1 p.m. LIGHT GIGS.—Open to regular Chinese crews of the same Hong or Office. Boats must carry a European coxswain. Boats to be passed by the Committee. Distance, One Mile. Time allowance, 8 seconds per oar. 1st Prize, \$10; 2nd Prize, \$5.

2nd Race—1.30 p.m. CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE CUP.—For Four-oars. Cup to be held by the winning crew for one year, but to remain the property of the Club. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in Boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

The following crews have entered:—

Race.	Leak.
A. Humphreys	A. J. Mackie
O. J. Ellis	W. Watson
A. E. Asgar	W. S. Barley
J. A. Fredericks (Capt.)	A. E. Alves (Capt.)
R. Henderson (Cox)	F. W. White (Cox)
Shamrock.	Korndume.
H. A. Seth	J. Miller
F. D. Hyndman	F. M. Rosa Pereira
E. E. A. Hance	J. H. Hance
A. A. Alves (Capt.)	E. Herbst (Capt.)
E. Grant Smith (Cox)	S. A. Seth Cox
Thistle.	
F. D. Baine	
R. Lapsley	
H. W. Kennett	
W. A. Stapani (Capt.)	
F. Lammer (Cox)	

3rd Race—2 p.m. LIGHT GIGS.—Open to European non-commissioned officers and men of any Regiment or Corps of the Garrison or to European crews of any of H. M. Vessels or to European members of the Police Force. Entrance, \$1. Distance, One Mile. Boats to be approved of by the Committee. Time allowance, 8 seconds per oar. Four boats must start for 2 Prizes. 1st Prize, \$15; 2nd Prize, \$10.

4th Race—2.30 p.m. SNAKE BOATS.—Open to Chinese Snake Boats. Distance, One-mile. 1st Prize, \$10; 2nd Prize, \$5. Eight boats to start for 2 Prizes.

5th Race—2.40 p.m. LADIES' PRIZE.—Presented by the Ladies of Hongkong. For Four-oars. Distance, One-mile. Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in Boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club, and the Hongkong Boat Club. Entries close on the 12th inst.

6th Race—3 p.m. GIG RACE.—(Double sculls). Distance, Half-mile. Entrance, \$2. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club. Entries close on the 12th inst.

7th Race—3.30 p.m. MEN-OF-WAR'S CUTTERS.—The boats to be approved and handicapped if necessary by the Committee. Distance, One-mile. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per oar. Four boats must start for 2 Prizes. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second Prize, \$5. (Post entries.)

8th Race—4 p.m. SAMPAK RACE.—Open to regular Chinese sampans. Distance, Half-mile. 1st Prize, \$10; 2nd Prize, \$5. Eight boats to start for 2 Prizes.

9th Race—4.30 p.m. HONG FOURS.—Distance, One Mile, Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in Boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Sailing Race.—FOR ALL OPEN BOATS.—Any five Chinese-owned boats excluded. Time allowance, 10 seconds per foot in length of boat per mile. Length of boat to be stated. Entrance, \$2. Prize, \$25. Course, 9 miles. (Winner of Open-Boat Sailing Race of previous day to be penalised 5 minutes.)

Sailing Race.—FOR YACHTS AND PARTIALLY-DECKED BOATS.—(In two classes). Y. R. A. time allowance; prize, a Cup for each class. Entrance, \$4. Course, 9 miles.

SECOND DAY—WEDNESDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1899.

1st Race—1 p.m. LIGHT GIGS.—Open to regular Chinese crews of the same Hong or Office. Boats must carry a European coxswain. Distance, one mile. Time for oars, 8 seconds per oar. 1st prize, \$10; 2nd prize, \$5. Winner of No. 1 race first day excluded. Boats to be passed by the committee.

2nd Race—1.30 p.m. INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP.—For Four-oars. Cup presented by the late J. C. Laprak, Esq., to be held by the winning crew for one year, but to remain the property of the Club. Distance, one-mile-and-a-quarter. Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club, and the Hongkong Boat Club. Entries close on the 12th inst.

LUSITANO (UP)—Presented by the members of the Lusitano Club. For Four-oars. Distance, one mile, Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in Boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club, and the Hongkong Boat Club. The following crews have entered:—

Race.	Leak.
F. D. Bain	J. C. Logan
F. M. Rosa Pereira	A. Humphreys
Albert Ellis	E. E. A. Hance
A. E. Alves (Capt.)	A. A. Alves (Capt.)
E. Grant Smith (Cox)	H. W. Kennett (Cox)
Thistle.	
G. Rapp	H. A. Seth
F. H. Hyndman	F. Garrett
A. E. Asgar	R. Lapsley
J. A. Fredericks (Capt.)	W. A. Stapani (Capt.)
F. Lammer (Cox)	H. M. Bain (Cox)
Korndume.	
A. J. Mackie	
J. Miller	
J. H. Hance	
E. Herbst (Capt.)	
F. W. White (Cox)	

3rd Race—2 p.m. LIGHT GIGS.—Open to European non-commissioned officers and men of any Regiment or Corps of the Garrison or to European crew of any of H. M. vessels or to European members of the Police Force. Entrance, \$1. Distance, one mile. Boats to be approved of by the committee. Time allowance, 8 seconds per oar. Four boats must start for 2 prizes. Winning crew of 3rd race first day to be handicapped by the committee. 1st prize, \$15; 2nd prize, \$10.

4th Race—2.40 p.m. SAMPAK.—Open to regular Chinese sampans. Distance, Half Mile. 1st Prize, \$10; 2nd Prize, \$5. Eight boats to start for 2 Prizes. Winner of No. 9, First Day, excluded.

5th Race—3 p.m. GERMAN CUP.—Presented by the Members of the Club Germania. For Four-oars. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10. To be rowed in Boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club, and the Hongkong Boat Club. Entries close on the 12th inst.

6th Race—3.30 p.m. FOR MEN-OF-WAR'S GIGS AND WHALERS.—Distance, One Mile, Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second \$5. The Boats to be approved by Committee. Time allowed for Oars, 8 seconds per Oar. Three Boats must start for 2 races. (Post entries.)

7th Race—3.50 p.m. CHINESE CUP, GRIPFINA RACE.—For Four-oars. Open to Members and Subscribers of the Victoria Recreation Club and Hongkong Boat Club who have never won a race at a Regatta in China. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5. To be rowed in Boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club and Hongkong Boat Club.

The following crews have entered:—

Race.	Leak.
L. A. Orlon	S. R. Moore
F. Garrett	E. S. Ford
L. A. Orlon	A. Humphreys
W. Watson (Capt.)	M. E. Asgar (Capt.)
A. E. Alves (Cox)	F. Lammer (Cox)
Korndume.	Shamrock.
H. S. Bervan	H. Craig
T. G. Chunnett	H. M. Bain
E. Benjamin	J. C. Logan

R. Lapsley (Capt.) W. F. Bailey (Capt.)
S. A. Seth (Cox) E. Herbst (Cox)

Thistle.
A. M. Rosa Pereira
C. D. Silva
R. Bana
T. D. Bain (Capt.)
F. W. White (Cox)

Sailing Race.—FOR YACHTS AND PARTIALLY-DECKED BOATS. (Handicap by the Committee of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club). Prizes—Cups for 1st and 2nd boats. Entrance, \$4. Course, 9 miles.

Sailing Race.—FOR ALL OPEN BOATS.—Any five Chinese-owned boats excluded. Time allowance, 10 seconds per foot in length per mile; length of boat to be stated. Entrance, \$2. Prize, \$25. Course, 9 miles. (Winner of Open-Boat Sailing Race of previous day to be penalised 5 minutes.)

M.Z.—Entries for Races, 1, 2, 3, 8 and 10 (First Day), and 1, 3 and 7 (Second Day), will close on Tuesday, the 13th December, 1899, at 6 p.m., and must be sent in writing to the Hon. Secretary on Wednesday, 14th December, 1899. Entries for all other rowing races to be made on board the Flag Ship 2 hours at least before the advertised time of the starting of the race, and each entry must be accompanied by the entrance fee. All other entrance fees must be paid to the Hon. Treasurer before the 19th December. Entries for the sailing Races must be sent to Mr. A. Demson on or before Tuesday, the 13th December, 1899.

MUD-FLAT NORTH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

TIENTSIN, November 24th.

Murmurs reach me from Peking that a movement is on foot; but facts are wary. I am assured that the Germans are literally grovelling before Russia, and anxious above all things to close the Liautung Triple alliance perpetually, with the thwarting of British interests at the objective. But I do not anticipate anything coming of it, for two reasons. First, Japan has to be reckoned with, and her position with China seems pretty firmly established now. Secondly, Germany has Imperial considerations which are calculated to far outweigh any schemes of petty aggrandisement out here. Her interests in Europe and Samoa are far larger than they will ever be in Shantung, and it is highly improbable that any combination of this kind would be approved by the Kaiser. It pleases Germany, apparently, this sort of regard to the light of undeveloped enemies, and they seem to lose no opportunity of expressing such benign neighbourly sentiments, as the wish that we may get heartily licked by the Boers, etc.; but this is presumably merely a little cousinly pleasantry. The Chinese however, appear to be hatching some plans either for offence or defence, it is impossible to say which. The purpose of the frequent consultations between Junglu and his generals and the Empress Dowager has been kept remarkably secret, and no one has been able to obtain a clue to their meaning. The only things which offer any indication of the situation are the patched up friendship of Prince Ching and Junglu, who have buried their bitter enmity for some common cause; and the great courtesy extended to the Japanese on all sides.

Sir Claude MacDonald is expected daily, and Mr. Bax Ironside stands with him, ready to face, directly the Minister arrives. It is no secret that the two have never been in sympathy, and I fancy as the *Charge d'Affaires* has not achieved any of the brilliant things he talked of, that he is less anxious than ever to meet the man whom he considers utterly unfit for his post. Poor Sir Claude! He comes back now to a sere condition of affairs, and I hope he will be able to carry things with a higher hand in Peking now. For one thing he will be relieved of the administration of such weathered diplomats as von Heyking and punctilious doyens as Denbey, which will ease the social strain not a little. I think. Then too, let us hope that he really returns in better health, not nominally so. There is no indication that any thing like a welcome is to be accorded him here, which seems a little hard. The mercantile feeling is out of sympathy with Sir Claude, and we can only hope that something may occur to reinstate him in public confidence, as it is disastrous to British interests for our relations with the Minister to be strained, and I for one should like to see him start afresh here in every way. Lady MacDonald will probably reach here before Sir Claude, who goes first I believe to Wei-hai-wei. An effort will be made to induce Lady Mac to come down for a day early next month and open a church bazaar, which is all the talk just now; and if the consents, the volunteers may be induced to escort her to the public hall, and give the opening ceremony some *clat*.

The Tientsin volunteers by the way, got up an excellent concert last Saturday, which brought to light a great amount of first class amateur talent.

Mrs. von Hanneken has had professional training, and the continent, and combines with a magnificent voice, a voice of exceptional volume and sweetness, but distinctly and exclusively of the operatic school, and it is almost overpowering in a small hall. Mrs. Forrester, an English lady who has heard for the first time here, on the other hand has a voice which can be enjoyed equally on the stage and in the drawing room. It is the purest type of English soprano trained for private singing, and delighted her audience. We have not had much gaiety yet on account of the overcast serious illnesses, but I think we are getting over our first here, which will be held on January 4th and promises to be a smart affair.

I don't know whether your readers are familiar with the travelling cart of the north, with its huge, brass-nailed wheels, and flat, springless seats beneath a blue canvas cover? An enterprising American Missionary has just returned from furlough with a vehicle which on casual glance looks like a native cart, but *de facto* is very much otherwise. It is a four wheeled cart with springs, and seats for four people; the body rests on hard-wood slats which give spring and ease in riding. The length is somewhat out of proportion to the width, but this is rather an advantage on Chinese roads, as it gives the front wheels a chance to get out of a rut while the hind ones are still in it, and softens the severity of the lurch. The cart is fitted with an adjustable axle which can be fitted to any gauge of road, and it possesses various other improvements on the old conception of comfort which will at least lessen the horrors of a 400 or 500 mile trip in the interior.

The following is an interesting memorial drawn up by Sheng Peng, a compiler of the Hanlin College to be presented to the Throne. But needless to say he has not been able to get it presented, and foreigners and modern Chinese are left to have the benefit of it through the medium of our local Chinese newspaper.

I learn from the Edicts of the 3rd and 4th of this month that Your Majesties are anxious for good government, and that the people are tired some cause for the drought which is disturbing the people, I venture to lay some particulars before Your Majesties. From ancient time to the present day members of the Grand Council have not been allowed to handle military power, and if this was so in olden

times it is doubly so now when our official system is more perfect. This rule is to guard against the danger of usurpation. In the last year Shen Fung, Su Shun, usurped power, and the condition of the Empire at that period was very critical. Finally he was executed by the Empress Dowager, and the only reason that he did not get the Throne and she was able to do this was that he lacked military support. Now Junglu, the Grand Secretary is a member of the Grand Council and he also, contrary to all rule, holds Supreme Military command, including even the troops now being raised by Gen. Su, and the Peiyang and Nanyang squadrons. Should Junglu's ambition be at this time still further excited, what could Your Majesties do? He may not have disloyal sentiments now, but in the future there is danger, and you cannot then reduce his power. Military men always feel above all things to lose their power, and there might be ending in disturbance. I fear that in future harm will befall the Emperor. I hope Your Majesties will listen to my advice and take due precaution while there is time. Do not allow the doings of Tung Cho and Tsao Tsao to be repeated. The important thing at the present time is to ascertain the public thought. If the people are united and of one mind, the country will be tranquil. If the public thought is divided, the country must suffer. In this year the Grand Secretary Kang Yi was sent to all the provinces to raise money, and he has everywhere set the people grumbling. He represented that his object was only to get the money which the officials are squeezing. But he got money in any and every direction, and subordinates have squeezed the people and promoted discontent. As a result they have been running to the Missionaries of all denominations in order to avoid his tyranny. The weak ones have borne the oppression, and have suffered their bones to be broken and the marrow extracted. The people of Shantung and Kwangtung are most exposed to foreign invasion, and they have taken refuge with foreign Powers. Kang Yi has closed the colleges and schools in order to save expense. But the small saving effected is as nothing compared with the discouragement of the students, who are thoroughly disheartened. Our powerful neighbours are fixing their eyes on us, and various rumours are circulating in the country, and Kang Yi has acted in a way to bring discredit on the Throne. Our proverb says, "We would rather have officials who rob openly than those who grasp secretly." Such officials as Kang Yi are greatly hated for their wickedness entails national disaster. I beg Your Majesties to consider how the evil doings of officials have brought down Heaven's wrath upon us. If you recover the military power from Jung Lu and stop his traitorous plans, and expel the suggestions of Kang Yi, then we may escape national calamities. Otherwise the adherents of Jung Lu will increase daily, and the results of Kang Yi's oppression daily grow worse.

Lastly, there is the wicked eunuch Li Lien Yung who has been repeatedly impeached by officials. If he did not unduly usurp power they would not thus hate him. All people call him the Shih Chang Shih of the Han Dynasty, and the Wei Chang Hsien of the Ming Dynasty. I implore your Majesties, according to the laws of our country, have him executed in the market. By so doing you will terrify other powerful traitors and give warning to all people. Really I have no right to thus memorialize the Throne, but during the time that Heaven has shown displeasure and Your Majesties have requested the candid report of the officials, so I have ventured to memorialize you on these points, and I am ready to suffer even death as the penalty of my boldness providing only Your Majesties will consider my words."

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

DECEMBER.
Meteorological means based on fifteen years' observations to 1898.

Barometer	30.181
Thermometer	62.4
Humidity	64
Rainfall	0.985

TO-DAY.

WEATHER REPORT.	On date at 4 p.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.185	30.16
Temperature	63	68
Humidity	41	55
Rainfall		

TO-DAY.

Friday, 8th December, 1899.
Chinese—6th of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises	6hr. 38min.
Sets	5hr. 30min.
High water—Afternoon	none
Afternoon	5hr. 30min.
Low water—Morning	7hr. 3min.
Afternoon	5hr. 30min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—Hongkong first saluted, by the French Frigate *Argonaute*.
1861—Eruption of Vesuvius. Torre del Greco with 20,000 inhabitants destroyed.
1892—Steamer *Zambesi* and *Hokanum Maru* collided near Yokohama; one life lost.
1893—Terrible fire at Chinese fête at Ningpo, over 200 lives lost.
1897—Suicide of Capt. Vaddolavet at Yokohama.
1898—S.S. *Adams* wrecked near Labuan.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 9th December, 1899.
Chinese—7th of 11th moon of 25th year of Kwang-shi.

Sun—Rises	6hr. 39min.
Sets	5hr. 30min.
Moon—In Perigee 8 p.m.	
High water—Afternoon	5hr. 30min.
Afternoon	5hr. 30min.
Low water—Morning	7hr. 3min.
Afternoon	5hr. 30min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1608—John Milton, poet born.
1861—Ningpo captured by the Taipings.
1888—Consecration of new Pel-jang Cathedral, Peking.
1890—Information received of the stranding of the P. & O. steamer *Hongkong* in the Red Sea.
1898—American-Spanish Peace Commission terminated.

AGENDA.

TO-MORROW.
11 a.m.—Cricket—H.K.C.C. v. Public schools on Cricket ground.
Noon—T. K. K. steamer *Hongkong Maru* leaves for San Francisco.
Noon—P. & O. steamer *China* with English mails leaves for London.
2.30 p.m.—H. K. Volunteers parade to take part in Tactical Exercises.
4 p.m.—Cargo ex *Denialder* subject to rent.
4 p.m.—Football—H. K. F.C. v. H. K. Engineers at Causeway Bay.
4.15 p.m.—Football—Shield—T. K. C. v. R.W.F. v. H. K. Coy R.W.F.

9 p.m.—Last Performance by Madame Koonoh at City Hall.

TUESDAY, 12th.
Ocean Steamship Co.'s steamer *Idemitsu* leaves for London.

Noon—Private meeting of the shareholders in the Puijoo Mining Co.

WEDNESDAY, 13th.
Imperial German Mail Line steamer *Konig Albert* for Hamburg.
4 p.m.—Cargo ex *Maragon* subject to rent.
H.K.V.C. ORDERS.
6 p.m.—"E" Co. Company Drill at Headquarters.

THURSDAY, 14th.
P. & O. steamer *Japan* leaves for London.
3 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.
4 p.m.—N. Y. K. steamer *Riojun Maru* leaves for Victoria B.C.

FRIDAY, 15th.
Application list for shares in the New Great Eastern and Caledonian Gold Mining Co. closes.

Noon—N. Y. K. steamer *Hakata Maru* leaves for Europe.
N. L. H. steamer *Konig Albert* leaves for Havre and Hamburg.
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affording prompt relief where other well-tried

remedies have been powerless.

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blood, eczema, pimples, spots, blotches, pains

and swellings of the joints, secondary sym-

ptoms, disease of the bones, sore throat, and

all diseases for which it has been too much a

fashion to employ mercury, sarsaparilla, &c., to

the destruction of the sufferer's teeth and ruin

of health. This preparation purifies the whole

system through the blood, and thoroughly

eliminates every poisonous matter from the

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THERAPION may be procured at 2/6 and

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Merchants throughout the world. In ordering,

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numbers he requires, and observe that the

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affixed to every genuine package by order of

Her Majesty's Hon. Commissioners, and with-

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Hongkong, China and Manila. [99]

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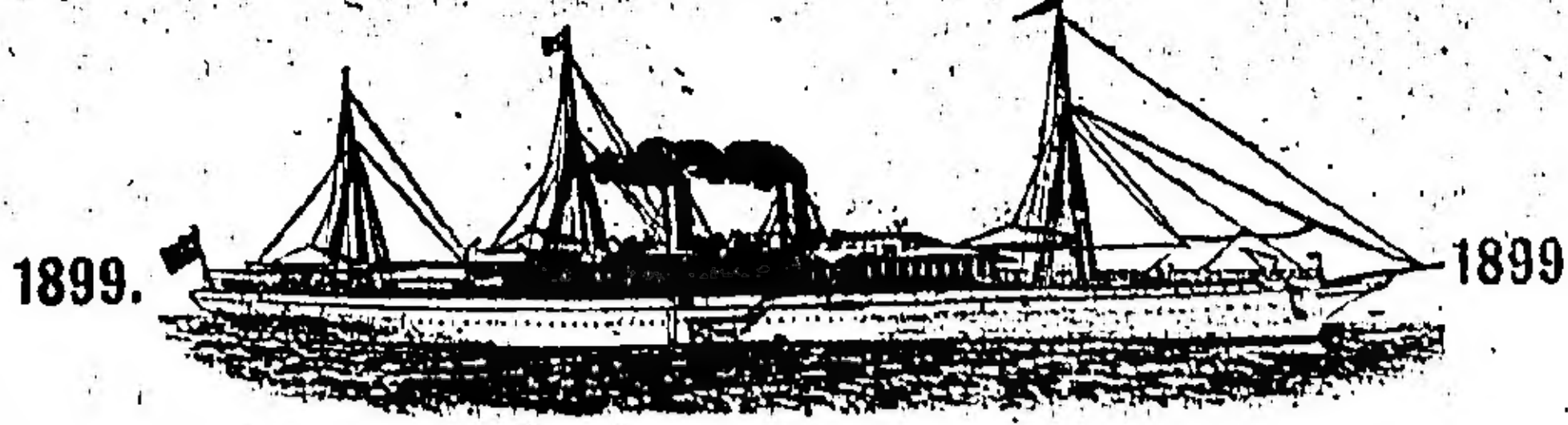
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,

Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, 9th March, 1899. [11]

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
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SAFETY. SPEED. PUNCTUALITY.
THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPERESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 20th Dec., 1899.
EMPERESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. ...WEDNESDAY, 27th Jan., 1900.
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THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND
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of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM
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Passengers Booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD.
Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval,
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The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,
(second to none in the World), the LUXURIANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL
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For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to
D. E. REDMAN, General Agent,
Hongkong, 27th November, 1899. [13]

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL
STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH
THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG TO SAN DIEGO
VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to JAPAN PORTS,
HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO, The
UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL and
SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Strathgyle	5,023	about	Dec. 30
Carlisle City <th>3,002</th> <th>about</th> <th>Dec. 31</th>	3,002	about	Dec. 31
Belgian King <th>3,379</th> <th>about</th> <th>Jan. 15</th>	3,379	about	Jan. 15
Garmarthenshire <th>2,920</th> <th>about</th> <th>Jan. 31</th>	2,920	about	Jan. 31

THE Steamship

"STRATHGYLE"

will be despatched for SAN DIEGO VIA

Kobe, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU,

on or about WEDNESDAY, the 20th instant.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point

in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 5 P.M.

the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages

will be received at the OFFICE until the same

time. All parcels should be marked to address

in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices, to accompany cargo des-

tined to Points beyond San Diego, should be

sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the

Collector of Customs, San Diego.

For further information as to Freight or

Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents,
Hongkong, China and Japan.
Hongkong, 6th December, 1899. [13a]**NORTHERN PACIFIC****STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.**

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,

AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM

HONGKONG.

FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA,

IN CONNECTION WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO

Saint Irene	3,877	W. Attree	Dec. 20
City of Dublin	3,328	J. R. Rne	Dec. 30
Breconshire	3,567	G. E. Elliott	Jan. 13

ALSO

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,

IN CONNECTION WITH

OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVI-

GATION COMPANY.

Monmouthshire	2,874	W. A. Evans	Dec. 23
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THE attention of Passengers is directed to

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HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

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The Railroad travelling is second to none on

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The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route.

Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of

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Special rates allowed to members of Govern-

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States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States

Points should be in quadruplicate, and the

copy must be sent forward by the steamer to

the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Port-

land, Or. (whichever may be the destination of

the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with

address marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day

previous to sailing.

For further information apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents,
Hongkong, 1st December, 1899. [13b]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERMAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"CLYDE"

Captain C. T. Denny, R.N.R., carrying Her

Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this

office for HOMBAY, &c., TO-MORROW, the 9th

instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and

Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for France,

and Tea for London (under arrangement) will

be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer

proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;

other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed

via Bombay with Transhipment.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4

P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and

Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note

the terms and conditions of the Company's

Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to

H. A. RITCHIE,

Superintendent,
Hongkong, 8th December, 1899. [15]**OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL****STEAMSHIP COMPANY.**

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO

JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,

MEXICO,

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

AND EUROPE;

VIA

THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,

AND

PLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING

STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND

HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Doric (via Shanghai,	Nagasaki, Kobe, In-	Saturday, 23rd Dec.,
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land Sea, Yokohama and

Honolulu.)

Coptic (via Shanghai,	Nagasaki, Kobe, In-	Saturday, 20th Jan.,
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land Sea, Yokohama and

Honolulu.)

Gaelic (via Shanghai,	Nagasaki, Kobe, In-	Tuesday, 13th Feb.,
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land Sea, Yokohama and

Honolulu.)

THE Company's Steamship

"DORIC,"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via

SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, IN-

LAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU,

on SATURDAY, the 23rd December, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-

LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONO-

LULU, and Passengers are allowed to break

their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-

land, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic

lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities

of the United States or Canada. Rates may be

obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO

EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail

routes from San Francisco including the

SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACI-

FIC, UNITED PACIFIC, DENVER and

RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC

RAILWAY; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC

RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the

regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND

CITIES in the United States have between

San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the

SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACI-

FIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRAN-

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Chicago to destination the choice of direct

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Particulars of the various routes can be had

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Special rates (first class only) are granted to

Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,

Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European

Officials in the service of China and Japan, and

to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-

portation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports,

to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities

of the United States, via Overland Railways, to

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in Mexico, Central and South America, by the

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Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 22nd September 1898. [45]

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SUI SANG,
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DENTIST,
No. 4, Queen's Road Central.
Hanukku, 8th March, 1890 [18a]

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Neither the CAPTAINS, the AGENTS, nor the
OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE for any
DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crews
of the following Vessels during their stay in
Hongkong Harbours:—
REVUE, American ship, D. Whitmore—Stan-
dard Oil Co.

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Baleh, Mr. and Mrs. Love, Miss
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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
(December 8th.)

Companies.	Paid up Capital.	Latest quotation.
Banks.		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	\$125	350 % premium
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Preference)	£ 5	Nominal
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Ordinary)	£ 4	£1 buyers
The Bank of China & Japan, Limited (Deferred)	£ 1	£5.5 buyers
National Bank of China, Ltd. Founders Do.	£ 1	\$20
	£ 2	\$30

Union Ins. Society of Canton, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$240
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$58
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	£ 25	Tls. 190
Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ltd.	\$ 60	\$110
Canton Ins. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	\$130
Straits Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$24

Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$327
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$88 buyers

Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Limited	\$ 15	\$31
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$85
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$90
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$48
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Pref.)	£ 10	£9.15 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Ordinary)	£ 10	£9 buyers
China Mutual S. N. Co., Ltd. (Deferred)	£ 5	\$21
Star Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$21
"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	£100	\$240

China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$122
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$47

Shipping.

Punjin Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$7
Punjin Mining Preference Shares	\$ 1	\$1.30
Sacred Franchise du Tonkin	Fcs. 250	\$350
Queen Mines, Ltd.	25 cts.	\$0.40
Jebeuh Mining and Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$12
Ramb Allain Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	15s. 10d.	\$62
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	\$ 5	\$9
Oliver's Freehold Mines, Ltd.	\$ 4	\$64
Great Eastern & Caledonian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$0.80
Do. (Preference)	\$ 1	\$0.50 sellers

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$125	\$25 1/2
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$85
Wanchai Warehouse & Storage Co., Ltd.	\$ 37 1/2	\$45 buyers
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 64	\$19

Land, Hotels and Buildings.

China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9.50
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$112
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$28
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$29
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$119
Humphrey's Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$9 1/2

Cotton Mills.

Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$58
Ewo Cotton Spinning & W. Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 66
International Cotton Mfg. Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Tls. 70
Lou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 73
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	Tls. 350
Yahloong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Tls. 58

Miscellaneous.

Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$47
China-Born Co., Ltd.	\$ 55	\$10
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$15.75 ex div.
Watkins, Limited	\$ 10	\$10
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 10	\$10
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	\$ 3	\$3
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	\$130
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$390
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$42
H'kong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	\$125
H'kong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$100	\$147 1/2
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$6
Hongkong and China Bakery Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$25
Campbell, Moore and Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$15 buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£ 1	£1 nominal
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	\$4
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$10
Carmichael & Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$8
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	\$5 per share
Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd.	\$ 1	\$1

BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS,
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Telegraph Address: "Rialto".
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EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 8th December.	
Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 1/16
Credit, 4 months' sight	2/0 1/16
D'Amiens, 4 months' sight	2/0 1/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 2
Credit, 4 months' sight	2/2 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	47 1/2
Credit, 30 days' sight	48 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	145 1/2
On demand	145 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight	72 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	4 per cent. prem.
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$10.24
Gold Leaf 100 touch, per tael	\$3.40
Bar Silver	27 3/16
Dollars	\$8 per cent. prem.

OPIMUM QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 8th December.	
New Patna	915 per chest.
New Benares	905
New Malwa	870 per picul.
Old Malwa	910
Persian, paper tied	825

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

AIRLIE, British steamer, 2,500 C. C. Koch, 7th Dec., Sydney 11th Nov., Brisbane 14th, Townsville 17th, Cairns 18th, Thursday Island 22nd, Port Darwin 25th, and Manila 4th Dec., General—Gibb, Livingston & Co.	
ARRATOON APCAR, British steamer, 2,879 E. Fey, 5th Dec., Calcutta and Singapore 28th Nov., General—David, Sassoon Sons & Co.	
CLARE, German steamer, 675 A. Hansen, 30th Nov., Haiphong 26th Nov., Rice—Jensen & Co.	
CLYDE, British steamer, 2,198 C. T. Denny, R.N.R., 7th Dec., Shanghai 5th Dec., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British steamer, 5,904 G. A. Lee, R.N.R., 2nd Dec., Vancouver 10th Nov., and Shanghai 30th, Mails and General—C. P. R. Co.	
FUKUI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,815 Y. Hirayama, 3rd Dec., Moji 27th Nov., Coal—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	
HAILEONG, British steamer, 78 A. J. Robson, 6th Dec., Tamsui and Dec. Amoy 4th, and Swatow 5th, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.	
HAIRAN, German steamer, 648 F. Clausen, 6th Dec., Chefoo 2nd Dec., General—Siemssen & Co.	
HOHENZOLLERN, German steamer, 2,039 H. Kirchner, 6th Nov., Yokohama 27th Oct., Kobe 31st, and Nagasaki 2nd Nov., General—Melchers & Co.	
HOLSTEIN, German steamer, 985 M. Ipland, 28th Nov., Saigon 22nd Nov., Rice—Jensen & Co.	
HONGKONG MARU, Japanese steamer, 3,385 W. E. Filmer, 20th Nov., San Francisco 1st Nov., Honolulu 8th, Yokohama 11st, Kobe 22nd, Nagasaki 24th, and Shanghai 27th, General—J. S. Van Buren.	
MAIDZURU MARU, Japanese steamer, 667 T. Ogata, 7th Dec., Swatow 6th Dec., General—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.	
MAZAGON, British steamer, 3,479 R. T. L. Cook, R.N.R., 7th Dec., Singapore 28th Nov., General—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
MENMUI, British steamer, 1,980 S. J. George, 6th Dec., Sourabaya and Cheribon 25th Nov., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.	
MICHAEL JESSEN, German steamer, 710 Buraxen, 5th Dec., Chefoo 28th Nov., General—Jensen & Co.	
NANYANG, German steamer, 983 Th. Lehmann, 3rd Dec., Canton 3rd Dec., General—Siemssen & Co.	
ROSETTA, British steamer, 2,039 C. C. Talbot, R.N.R., 6th Dec., Yokohama 29th Nov., Mails and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.	
TETAROS, German steamer, 1,528 T. Decker, 5th Dec., Saigon 1st Dec., Rice—Siemssen & Co.	
TRIUMPH, German steamer, 675 A. Riecke, 6th Dec., Haiphong and Hoihow 5th Dec., General—Jensen & Co.	
UNDAUNTED, British steamer, 4,026 S. Elcoale, 9th Nov., Philadelphia 8th Sept., Kerosine Oil—Order.	
VENUS, American steamer, 562 D. Imas, 4th Dec., Cebu 29th Nov., Sugar—Brandao & Co.	

Sailing Vessels.

ADOLPH OBRIG, American bark, 1,302 Armsbury, 17th Oct., New York 5th May, Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
JOHN McDONALD, American ship, 2,128 Stern, 14th Nov., New York 25th June, Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
MARY L. CUSHING, American bark, 1,540 Pendleton, 1st Oct., New York 16th May, Case Oil—Order.	
REUCE, American ship, 1,828 D. Whitmore, 3rd Oct., New York 30th May, Case Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
SIMLA, British 4-masted bark, 2,087 Huestis, 25th Aug., Cebu and Philippine Islands 22nd Aug., Ballast—Order.	
ST. MARK, American ship, 1,861 D. W. Dudley, 7th Nov., Manila 19th Oct., Ballast—Master.	
STATE OF MAINE, American ship, 1,500 Colcord, 9th Oct., New York 20th May, Kerosine Oil—Standard Oil Co.	
WARATAH, British schooner, 25 Haynes, 23rd Sept., Takow 15th Sept., Ballast—Mr. F. W. Hall.	
WEST YORK, British bark, 706 N. S. Faister, 9th Nov., Alborg W.A., 4th July, Sandal Wood—Order.	
WIL H. CONNER, American ship, 1,421 J. T. Erskine, 14th Oct., New York 7th May, and Rio Janeiro 11th July, Kerosine—Standard Oil Co.	

**HER BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S SHIPS
ON THE CHINA STATION.**

Hongkong, December 8th, 1899.

Alacrit, despatch-vessel, 1,725 tons, 10 6-pd. 4.1 guns, 3,000 h.p., Commander A. H. Smith-Dorrien, Hongkong.	
Algerine, ship, 1,000 tons, 6 guns, 1,100 h.p., Comdr. E. W. Slade, Hongkong.	
Aurora, British cruiser, 5,600 tons, Capt. E. H. Bayly, Wei-hai-wei.	
Barfleur, 1st class battleship, 13,000 tons, 14 guns, 13,165 h.p., Captain Hon. S. C. J. Colville, C.B., Hongkong.	
Bongventur, 2nd class cruiser, 4,360 tons, 18 guns, 9,000 h.p., Capt. R. H. J. Mignoguerie, C.B., R.N., Shanghai.	
Brill, British cruiser, 1,770 tons, 6 guns, 5,000 h.p., Com. V. Hongkong.	
Centurion, 1st class battleship, 10,500 tons, 14 guns, 13,000 h.p., Captain J. R. Jellicoe, Singapore.	

RUSSIAN TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

(SEA GOING.)

Borgo, 1st class Russian torpedo boat, 81 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes, 1,100 h.p., speed 21 knots.	
Revel, 1st class Russian torpedo boat, 96 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 22 knots.	
Sveaborg, 1st class Russian torpedo boat, 69 tons, 3 guns, 2 torp tubes 780 h.p., speed 19.7 knots.	
(1st and 2nd class.)	
Forel, Russian torpedo boat, 23 tons, 1 gun, 220 h.p., 16 knots.	
Janichki, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 370 h.p., 21 knots.	
Nargen, Russian torpedo boat, 85 tons, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., 21 knots.	
Novorossiysk, Russian torpedo boat, 87 tons, 4 guns, 2,000 h.p., 21 knots.	

**FOREIGN MEN-OF-WAR ON THE CHINA
AND JAPAN STATION.**

The Russian Squadron.	
Admiral Korniloff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,000 tons twin screw, 36 guns, 9,500 h.p., Captain Jakovlev, at Nagasaki.	
Alcut, Russian gunboat, 810 tons, 8 guns, 1,200 h.p., Captain Eliskis, at Nagasaki.	
Bobre, Russian gun-vessel, twin screw, 950 tons, 13 guns, 1,150 h.p., Captain Dobrovolsky, at Nagasaki.	
Dimitri Donkoff, Russian armoured cruiser, 5,895 tons, twin screw, 34 guns, 7,000 h.p., Comdr. Shum, at Nagasaki.	
Gaidamak, Russian gunboat, 400 tons, twin screw, 18 guns, 3,500 h.p., Capt. Serebrennik, at Nagasaki.	
Gremiatichy, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,492 tons, twin screw 12 guns, 3,000 h.p., Capt. Mikhalshesky, at Nagasaki.	
Koryete, Russian cruiser, 1,200 tons, 9 guns, 2,150 h.p., Capt. Sillmann, at Nagasaki.	
Mandjour, Russian cruiser, 1,213 tons, twin screw, 14 guns, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Yakovlev, at Nagasaki.	
Navarin, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 10 guns, 9,000 h.p., Captain Vessily, at Nagasaki.	
Nayevdnik, Russian cruiser, 1,344 tons, 14 guns, 1,800 h.p., Capt. Zarine, at Nagasaki.	
Ovany, Russian armoured cruiser, 1,490 tons, twin screw, 12 guns, 2,000 h.p., Captain Coplanoff, at Nagasaki.	
Panilatova, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 36 guns, 8,000 h.p., Captain Nidermiller, at Nagasaki.	
Rostia, Russian armoured cruiser, 12,200 tons, 28 guns, 14,500 h.p., Capt. Domojoroff, at Vladivostok.	
Rurik, 1st Russian flagship, 10,940 tons, armoured twin screw cruiser, 1st class, 48 guns, 13,500 h.p., Capt. Haupt, at Nagasaki.	
Silach, Russian gunboat, 4 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Baranoff, at Nagasaki.	
Sissot, Russian battleship, 10,000 tons, 14 guns, 8,500 h.p., Capt. Molias, at Nagasaki.	
Sivouch, Russian gunboat, 950 tons, twin screw 13 guns, 1,200 h.p., Capt. Soubatin, at Nagasaki.	
Vladimir Monomach, Russian cruiser, 6,000 tons, 16 guns, Prince Ouchtomsky, at Chemo.	
Vostok, Russian torpedo gunboat, 4 guns, 650 h.p., Com. Molchousky, at Nagasaki.	
Vsadinik, Russian torpedo boat, 400 tons, 18 guns, twin screw, 1,500 h.p., Capt. Rogulia, at Nagasaki.	
Zablaka, Russian cruiser, 1,230 tons, 20 guns, 2,000 h.p., Capt. Shkruff, at Nagasaki.	

JAPANESE MEN-OF-WAR.

Battleships.	
Yashim, 1st class, 12,450 tons, 36 guns, 14,000 h.p., at Kure.	
Fuji, 1st class, 12,450 tons, 36 guns, 14,000 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Chinyen, 2nd class, 7,330 tons, 22 guns, 6,200 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Coast Defence Ships.	
Matsushima, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 25 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Saseho.	
Itatsushima, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 35 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Kure.	
Hatsushima, 1st class, 4,277 tons, 35 guns, 5,400 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Kong, 2nd class, 2,550 tons, 13 guns, 2,035 h.p., at Kure.	
Hiyei, 2nd class, 2,550 tons, 13 guns, 2,035 h.p., at Kure.	
Hetyen, 2nd class, 2,550 tons, 15 guns, 2,400 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Cruisers.	
Kasagi, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,978 tons, 30 guns, 15,500 h.p., at Saseho.	
Chikuma, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,978 tons, 30 guns, 15,500 h.p., at Kure.	
Akashi, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,800 tons, 30 guns, 8,500 h.p., at Kure.	
Yoshino, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,150 tons, 32 guns, 15,000 h.p., at Kure.	
Nanuma, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,709 tons, 24 guns, 7,120 h.p., at Manila.	
Takachiho, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,700 tons, 24 guns, 7,120 h.p., at Keelung.	
Chiyoda, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,450 tons, 27 guns, 5,500 h.p., at Kure.	
Tadatsugu, protected cruiser, 1st class, 4,227 tons, 30 guns, 10,000 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Akitsuha, protected cruiser, 1st class, 3,150 tons, 25 guns, 8,500 h.p., at Saseho.	
Suma, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,700 tons, 24 guns, 8,500 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Idzumi, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,950 tons, 20 guns, 6,080 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Sai-yen, protected cruiser, 1st class, 2,300 tons, 15 guns, 2,800 h.p., at Yokosuka.	
Akitsuha, protected cruiser, 1st class, at Manila.	
Miyakura, 1st class, 4,800 tons, 34 guns, 5,000 h.p., at Saseho.	
Takan, 2nd class, 1,764 tons, 15 guns, 2,400 h.p., at Saseho.	
Yacyama, 3rd class, 1,600 tons, 10 guns, 1,650 h.p., at Amoy.	
Tsukushi, 3rd class, 1,380 tons, 12 guns, 1,887 h.p., at Kure.	